DISTRICT REPORTS.

8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage, of fodder, etc.

BANGALORE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION.

		Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—Rice	...	7·3	5½ to 5¾	seers per rupee.
Ragi	...	18·1	10½ to 11	

Agricultural operations.—Ragi thrashing and manure collecting.

Outturn of harvest.—Ragi, yield 4 annas.

BANGALORE CITY AND TALUKS.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—It is reported that manure is being carted to the fields in the Nelamangala and Magadi Taluks.

Standing crops.—Condition of sugar-cane is good in some places in the Kankanhalli Taluk and is moderate in the Nelamangala and Devanhalli Taluks. It is withering for want of water in the Dodballapur and Anekal Taluks.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane is being sown in some places in the Bangalore, Nelamangala, Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks.

Harvest and outturn.—Sugar-cane is being milled in some places in the Nelamangala, Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks, and it is expected to yield, on an average, 7½ annas. Ragi is being thrashed in some places in the Devanhalli Taluk, yield 7 annas. Kadle is also being harvested in the Dodballapur and Devanhalli Taluks.

10. It is reported that the prospects of the season are fair in the Hoskote Taluk and moderate in the Bangalore, Nelamangala, Kankanhalli, Magadi and Anekal Taluks. Scarcity is felt in some parts of the Bangalore, Hoskote, Nelamangala and Magadi Taluks.

Number of persons employed in tank and well works.—One hundred and thirty are employed in the Hoskote Taluk, 952 in the Dodballapur Taluk, 1,539 in the Nelamangala Taluk, 40 in the Magadi Taluk and 62 in the Devanhalli Taluk. One hundred and seventy-eight persons are in receipt of gratuitous relief in the Dodballapur Taluk. General condition of the Nelamangala Taluk is good. Sufficient work is available in the Nelamangala, Magadi and Anekal Taluks. Food stuffs are available, but their prices are abnormally high.

11. Except for plague in some places in Bangalore and Dodballapur, small-pox in Kankanhalli and Closepet town and measles in the Anekal Taluk, public health generally good.

12. Except for "Dod Roga" and "Chappe Roga" in some places in Kankanhalli, "Dod Roga" in Magadi and "Dod Roga" and "Neradi Roga" in Anekal, the health of cattle is generally good. Water and fodder are available for the present. But well water is being used in some places in the Magadi and Anekal Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk.

KOLAR.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Standing crops* under *kapile* wells are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta, Bagepalli, Goribidnur and Gudibanda.

Crops harvested.—Ragi in Kolar, Srinivaspur and Gulibanda; sugar-cane in Kolar, Chintamani, Mulbagal and Malur; jolum in Bowringpet and turmeric in Goribidnur.

Outturn of harvest.—

Ragi in Kolar—Yield from 2 to 8 annas.

" Srinivaspur—Yield from 1 to 4 annas.

" Gudibanda— " 2 to 8 "

Turmeric in Goribidnur— " 8 to 12 "

Sugar-cane in the Kolar, Chintamani and Mulbagal Taluks—Yield from 4 to 12 annas

10. Prospects of the season are not satisfactory. Prices of food stuffs are very high. Large number of District Fund, Municipal and D. P. W. works, now in progress in all parts of the district, is affording sufficient labour to the poor. Gratuitous relief is being given in the affected parts of the district and Takavi advances are also being granted on a liberal scale.

11. Except for plague in the Malur and Chikballapur Taluks and small-pox in parts of the Mulbagal Taluk, public health generally good.

12. Rinderpest is reported to be still prevailing in parts of the Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta and Bagepalli Taluks and the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk. Water and fodder moderately sufficient.

TUMKUR.

8. Supply in market sufficient.

9. *Standing crops.*—Crops under wells in the Sira and Pavagada Taluks, and Bengal gram and cholum in the taluks of Chiknayakanhalli, Gubbi, Pavagada and Kunigal and the Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks, are reported to be in moderately good condition. Sugar-cane in the Tumkur Taluk and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk and Bengal gram and cholum in the taluks of Sira and Tiptur are withering.

Crops sown.—Paddy and nati ragi under wells in the Sira Taluk and sugar-cane in the Koratagere Sub-Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Tumkur and Gubbi Taluks and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk; Bengal gram and cholum in the Gubbi Taluk and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; and castor, Bengal gram and wheat in the Pavagada Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. The general condition of the district remains the same as in the last week. A large number of works are in progress in all the taluks and are affording labour for the poor people. Gratuitous relief is also being given in the affected parts throughout the district. Takavi advances and loans under the Land Improvement Loans Regulation are also being granted on a large scale.

11. Except for plague, small-pox and cholera in certain villages in the district, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" in all the taluks, except the Kunigal Taluk and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk, is still prevailing. Except in the Koratagere Sub-Taluk, difficulty for water and fodder is being felt in many parts of the district. Temporary wells are being dug up in several villages to mitigate water scarcity. Water is also being bailed out from wells for cattle. Fodder for cattle is being imported in certain villages of the Sira, Tiptur and Kunigal Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Sixty cattle in the Tiptur Taluk and 106 in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk have returned from forests, where they had been taken for grazing.

MYSORE.

8. Markets fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands all over the district are being ploughed. Ragi in parts of the Malvalli Taluk is being thrashed.

Standing crops.—These are reported to be in fair condition in parts of the Mysore, Chamrajnagar, Nanjangud, Malvalli and Nagamangala Taluks. They are very fair in parts of the T.-Narsipur Taluk, and good in parts of the Seringapatam Taluk. Paddy in parts of the Mandya Taluk and sugar-cane in parts of the Krishnarajpete Taluk are reported to be withering for want of water. Dry crops in parts of the Seringapatam Taluk are reported to have suffered for want of rain.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in parts of the Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Bengal gram in parts of the Mysore, Mandya and Nagamangala Taluks and sugar-cane in parts of the Mandya Taluk.

Estimated outturn of crops.—

In the Mysore Taluk—Bengal gram, yield 4 annas.
In the Seringapatam Taluk—Paddy, yield from 12 to 16 annas.
Ragi, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Horse gram and cholum, yield 4 annas each.
In the Nanjangud Taluk—Castor, yield 8 annas.
In the Malvalli Taluk—Ragi and paddy, yield 8 annas each.
In the Mandya Taluk—Ragi, horse gram and avare, yield from 2 to 4 annas.
Paddy, yield from 2 to 4 annas in certain parts and from 6 to 12 annas in other parts.
In the Krishnarajpete Taluk—Sugar-cane, yield 6 annas.
In the Nagamangala Taluk—Bengal gram, yield from 6 to 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season indifferent in parts and not good in others. Food stuffs are available all over the district, except in the Nagamangala Taluk, where stock of which is reported to be not available. Their prices all over the district are still high. One hundred and twenty-five individuals in the Mandya Taluk and 98 in the Krishnarajpete Taluk are reported to be under gratuitous relief. It is reported that in the Krishnarajpete Taluk, Rs. 250-10-11 have been paid to 48 coolies employed on tank works and also that ragi worth Rs. 214-12-11 has been gratuitously distributed to relieve distress.

11. Except for plague in a few places in the district, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" in parts of the Mysore, Seringapatam, Heggaddevankote, Gundlupet, Nanjangud and Krishnarajpete Taluks and "Chappe Roga" and "Foot and mouth" disease in parts of the Mysore Taluk are prevailing among cattle. Tanks in parts of the Nanjangud and Mandya Taluks are running dry. Temporary wells are being sunk wherever difficulty for water is being felt. Water is available for the present in other places. Fodder is scarce in parts of the Nagamangala Taluk.

HASSAN.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Wet lands in the Manjarabad Taluk are being ploughed.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane in the Hassan Taluk is reported to be withering. Sugar-cane, below channels in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk and in the Belur and Channarayapatna Taluks and the Alur Sub-Taluk is reported to be fair. Kadale sown in tank beds in the Arsikere Taluk is reported to be fair.

Crops harvested.—Same as in last week.

10. Prospects of the season generally fair, except in parts of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, parts of Dodkadnur and Kasba hoblis of the Hole-Narsipur Taluk and parts of the Madihalli and Halebid hoblis of the Belur Taluk, where they are not encouraging.

11. Except for cholera in parts of the Arkalgud Taluk and small-pox in the Hole-Narsipur town, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally are not in good condition. "Dod Roga" is prevalent in parts of the Manjarabad, Hole-Narsipur, Arkalgud, Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks and the Alur Sub-Taluk. Many cattle have been inoculated. Fodder is generally available. Report is the same as in the last week as regards the supply of water and fodder in the district.

SHIMOGA.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing operations are in progress in the malnad taluks.

Standing crops.—Bengal gram, white jolam and cotton in the maidan taluks are in moderately good condition. Sugar-cane in the Tirthahalli Taluk is reported to be in good condition.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in parts of the Shimoga, Honnali, Shikarpur and Sorab Taluks and of the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Bengal gram, in parts of the Channagiri and Sorab Taluks; white jolam in parts of the Channagiri Taluk; and cotton in parts of the Channagiri and Honnali Taluks. Sugar-cane milling operations are in progress in the Taluks of Shikarpur, Sorab, Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli and the Sub-Taluk of Kumsi.

10. Prospects of the season uncertain. People are anxiously looking forward for rain throughout the district. Food stuffs are available, but their prices continue to be high.

11. Public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" is prevalent in parts of the taluks of Shimoga, Channagiri and Honnali. Water and fodder are available for the present.

KADUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing in parts of Chikmagalur, Mudgere and Sringeri and planting of sugar-cane in parts of Yedahalli, are going on.

Standing crops are in unsatisfactory condition for want of timely and sufficient rain.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

In Chikmagalur—Bengal gram, Fenugreek and castor, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Sugar-cane and coriander " 2 to 4 "

In Kadur—Sugar-cane and jola, yield 4 annas.
Bengal gram, yield 8 annas.

In Koppa—Sugar-cane, yield not given.

In Yedahalli—Sugar-cane, yield from 8 to 12 annas.

10. Reports received from the taluks as regards the prospects of the season are the same as in the last week. Food stuffs are available, but their prices are still high.

11. Except for plague in certain villages of the Kadur Taluk, and cholera in the town of Sringeri, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. But "Foot and mouth" disease is prevailing in a mild form in certain villages of the Kadur, Tarikere and Chikmagalur Taluks. Water and fodder are available in the malnad, but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan parts of the district.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Except those under *kapile* wells and channels which are in fairly good condition, the rest are reported to be withering.

Crops sown.—Nil.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

Wheat in the Chitaldrug and Molakalmuru Taluks, yield from 6 to 8 annas.
Bengal gram in the Chitaldrug Taluk, yield 6 annas.
Cotton in the Holalkere Taluk, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Paddy in the Molakalmuru Taluk, yield 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season fair, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks. Food stuffs available. On account of demand for labour in the affected parts of the district, many works have been started to relieve the distress of the poor and the needy. Takkavi loans and gratuitous relief in grains are also being given to the poor and helpless raiyats in the affected parts.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Holalkere and Davangere Taluks. Water and fodder available, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Molakalmuru and Hosdurga Taluks. Report is the same this week as in the last week as regards the methods adopted for meeting the insufficiency of water and fodder.

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